(e) To expedite the construction of ROBs an officer of the Railways has been posted to NHAI to coordinate with Ministry of Railways. MOU has also been signed with M/s IRCON for construction of some of the ROBs.

(f) Action has been taken against non performing contractors and they are not allowed to bid for future projects unless they improve the performance in existing contracts.

(g) Steps have been taken to improve cash flow problems of contractors by granting interest bearing discretionary advance at the request of contractor, release of retention money against bank guarantee of equal amount, deferment of recovery of advances (on interest basis) and relaxation in minimum IPC amount.

Provision under Motor Vehicles Act

†2516. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Motor Vehicles Act there is a provision that the accused should be informed to deposit the fine as well as confession of offence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no need of trial in case of confession by the offender and depositing the fine, if so, the number of courts not using these provisions and as a result an increase in pendancy of cases; and

(c) the system proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 provides for penalties for a number of offences concerning violations of various provisions of the Act. Implementation of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 is the responsibility of the concerned State Government through their own enforcement agencies and in the manner prescribed by them.

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